

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration** 

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Southeast Region Logbook Family of Forms.

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before [*Insert date 60 days after date of* publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER].

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at JJessup@doc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Dr. David Gloeckner, (305) 361-4257 or david.gloeckner@noaa.gov.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

## I. Abstract

This request is for extension of a current information collection.

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Participants in most Federally-managed fisheries in the Southeast Region are

currently required to keep and submit catch and effort logbooks from their fishing trips. A

subset of these vessels also provide information on the species and quantities of fish,

shellfish, marine turtles, and marine mammals that are caught and discarded or have

interacted with the vessel's fishing gear. A subset of these vessels also provide information

about dockside prices, trip operating costs, and annual fixed costs.

The data are used for scientific analyses that support critical conservation and

management decisions made by national and international fishery management

organizations. Interaction reports are needed for fishery management planning and to

help protect endangered species and marine mammals. Price and cost data will be used in

analyses of the economic effects of proposed regulations.

II. **Method of Collection** 

The information is submitted on paper forms. Logbooks are completed daily and

submitted on either a by trip or monthly basis, depending on the fishery. Fixed costs are

submitted on an annual basis. Other information is submitted on a trip basis.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0016.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).

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Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,634.

Estimated Time Per Response: Annual fixed-cost reports, 30 minutes; Colombian fishery logbooks, 18 minutes; discard logbooks, 15 minutes; headboat, golden crab, reef fish-mackerel, economic cost/trip, wreckfish, and shrimp logbooks, 10 minutes; no-fishing responses for golden crab, reef fish-mackerel, charterboat, wreckfish and Colombian fisheries, 2 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 17,038.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

## **IV.** Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the

request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

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NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.

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